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While there is opposition among wheat growers and grain handling companies in Australia to the International wheat agreement, it is expected that it will be ratified by the Australian parliament.

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**CANADA CALLS TO ACTION**

In these days of devastating atom bombs, remarkable long-distance airplanes, astounding flying rockets and other untold factors, every man and woman across Canada should know at this critical time that current events in other countries of the world are of direct im-

mediate interest to the masses in this country since cleanup observations as well as official information on Parliament Hill disclose definitely that the Canadian Government's attitude in the present world crisis is no mystery any longer.

Indeed it can be reported that hints have been given that, while the Government has already made some important statements lately on its likely policies in the present international crisis, especially its call to immediate action on collective security for the democracies against any totalitarian tyranny, yet it has also hinted that other bold decisions may be forthcoming in this general session to do its "full part" to preserve peace and security for the protection of the masses life, liberty, and in plain everyday language even property, particularly in view of the interdependence of nations today when about one-third of the Canadian dollar can be traced to foreign trade earnings.

It may be emphasized that, for the record, these momentous decisions by the Government are not only to prevent war, if possible, which is important enough in itself, but it can be said these are aimed to back up the alliances of free peoples everywhere to keep peace on democratic conceptions by quick decisive actions in Ottawa as in other capitals during any emergency.

"For us there is no escape, even if we wish to seek one, in isolation or indifference," said an official spokesman to the Canadian Government External Affairs Department, Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, stressing current events have brought home to Canada the increasing threats of the rising tide of totalitarianism in the world to this country's prosperity and even very existence and at the same time that Canadians cannot live unto themselves alone. He added, "A most curious survey of international events during the recent months gives one cause for concern, perhaps apprehension."

It is significant that the Canadian Government has now gone on record among other things, as recognizing that the trend has been practically towards the division of one friendly world into two competing worlds, that even with close and friendly cooperation between the Great Powers the recovery of Western Europe from the war would have been difficult, that deeds, not merely words are now needed to save the democracies whose ranks must not be divided since communism wants domination, not co-operation; that "interdependence within the British Commonwealth" is a reality with principles of equality and complete autonomy for the members, that dangers and uncertainties of present world situation have forced Canada to assume greater responsibilities as a North American nation; that Canada-United States collaboration on joint defence does not mean any control whatsoever over Canadian affairs; that the primary objective of Canada's foreign policy was collective security by the operations of an effective international organization.

"Our foreign policy today must, therefore," External Affairs Minister St. Laurent has gone on record as saying here, "I suggest, be based on a recognition of the fact that totalitarian communist aggression endangers the freedom and peace of every democratic country, including Canada. On this basis and pending the strengthening of the United Nations, we should be willing to associate ourselves with other free states in any appropriate collective security arrangements which may be worked out under Articles 51 or 52 of the charter."

"In the circumstances of the present the organization of collective defence in this way is the most effective guarantee of peace," he stated with emphasis, "The pursuit of this course, steadfastly, unprovocatively, and constructively, is our best hope for disproving the gloomy predictions of inevitable war."

There is no doubt what the Canadian Government's policies are now or likely to be should any crisis arise suddenly in the world where precarious conditions for a peace time period exist and it is most important that the masses should realize these conditions as seen along Parliament Hill at the present time.

WOMEN WORKING
More married women are now working in full or part-time jobs and seeking such work across Canada, especially in the larger population centres, than ever before in peace-time, it is learned here, with the explanation being that, perhaps, it is all due to the rising cost of living forcing such women to help their husbands in meeting household

expenses because this trend appears to be mainly in the so-called low-income groups. Another explanation heard is that this may be attributed to the fact that many married women had become accustomed to working outside their homes during the war so that they are not hesitating now to seek such work when more money is needed to support the house.

"SOME CURRENCIES"

Considerable speculation is going on at present about the possibility of the Canadian dollar being devaluated since report of the International Monetary Fund has stated some currencies might have to be devaluated as they were too high for world trading. The report indicated that exchange rates in a number of countries will have to be changed in the near future because they are interfering with the flow of exports.

However, it must be emphasized that Canada has rejected any plan to devalue the dollar as Finance Minister has said, this country's economic program is not the kind for which that is an effective remedy.

SAID IN THE CAPITAL

"Our primary concern is to deal with immediate needs," said Trade Minister Howe in discussing a rental insurance bill to aid housing. The long-term housing problem, including slum-clearance is one which will require working arrangements with the provinces and municipalities."

There seems to be an impression abroad that these social improvement measures are being put into effect by the Labor Government despite much opposition, was the comment of the famous British Social worker George Haynes on his arrival in this capital to study such problems, stressing that the broad

principles of these social schemes in Britain are getting the support of all parties.

We must make the people realize that we are facing grave dangers commented J. M. Macdonnell, MP, noting that there were many empty seats on the floor of the House of Commons during an extremely important speech on foreign affairs.

And more than that, when we have found the cause and eliminated cancer we will know the real meaning of life, declared Dr. N.R. Jones, National Research Council, forecasting that a cancer cure may be found within the next ten years or so.

I feel Communism will force Christians back to the fundamental idea of Christianity, stated Gen. Albert Orsborn, CBE, world leader of the Salvation Army in an interview here.

One can say too much about the importance of your work, said Defence Minister Brook Chilton at a meeting here of the newly organized Industrial Defence Board when it started its operations.

WEEKLY WIND-UP

The fact that three applications have been filed with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for licenses to operate television stations is causing much talk here about the likely effects of such expansions on the movies.

The proposal of a rental insurance plan to encourage housing units to be built is meeting with criticism because it is feared that the rental may be too high for the people who need such accommodation, especially when rentals of \$50. per month are mentioned.

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